

ANTI-TAFT MEN
TRIUMPHED

No Preference Plank in Massachusetts Platform

WAS ADOPTED TO-DAY

However, the Committee on Resolutions Wished to Be Known as Favoring Taft's Candidacy—Doing of the Convention.

Boston, April 10.—Just before the Republican state convention assembled this morning the Taft League forced a resolution on the committee to incorporate in the platform a plank expressing the preference of the convention for Taft. This victory followed an early morning conference, at which the Taft men threatened to introduce a resolution of preference at the convention, regardless of disrupted harmony.

At the eleventh hour the anti-Taft forces triumphed, however, in the resolution committee and the platform which was presented to the convention went in minus the Taft preference plank. At the very end of the platform the following paragraph told of the first: "A resolution declaring that the preference of the convention was for Mr. Taft was submitted to your committee. Upon consideration we have unanimously agreed that it is inadvisable to include a resolution in favor of any particular candidate. A number of the committee are favorable to Taft's candidacy and we all recognize that a majority of the delegates to the convention desire his nomination. It is, however, uncertain whether the resolution of preference would be carried and its presentation would certainly lead to a contest which would be injurious to the welfare of the party. For these reasons and because of their earnest desire for a harmonious convention, the minority members of the committee join with the majority in a decision not to present the resolution of preference."

The platform opens with expressions of regret for the illness of Gov. Guild and hopes for his recovery. It continues: "We believe he is fully qualified for higher honors and his nomination for vice-president would be gladly endorsed by Massachusetts."

The platform calls for a revision of the tariff, but states no special time. It urges Congress to aid the merchant marine; favors special legislation described by Postmaster-General Meyer, such as a postal savings bank. The course of the national administration regarding transportation, financial and corporate legislation is endorsed and continuance is urged upon the party. Postmaster-General Meyer as permanent chairman of the convention, spoke in part as follows:

"The issue before the people this coming autumn is not whether we shall return to the conditions and methods of a few years ago, of uncontrolled railroads and unrestricted trusts—because there will be and can be no backward step—but whether the problems that confront us shall be worked out by the party of free silver, which means the depreciated dollar; the party that stands for government ownership of railroads and its accompanying evils, with its stupendous investment of government money; the party of promises without fulfillment; the party that believes in state jurisdiction rather than in federal; or whether these questions shall be solved by the Republican party—the party of experience, the party with definite purposes and successful achievement, the party that believes in federal supervision of railroads and securities, and in the enforcement of the laws on the statute books without favor."

"This is the problem which the people must decide next November—which party, under the leadership of the parties as they now are, they will choose to work out their situation; and we appeal to all upright and independent citizens, whatever their party affiliation in the past, to support in the present the one party which has both the announced purpose and the assured power to correct the evils of which there is just complaint while preserving the good which it would be an even worse evil to destroy."

Mr. Meyer devoted a considerable portion of his speech to a catalogue of the achievements of Secretary Taft in the Philippines, of which he spoke in terms of high eulogy.

His speech concluded with an eulogy of President Roosevelt, whose achievements he recounted and of whom he said:

"It is largely due to the efforts of one man that the United States is received and recognized as a world power in the councils of nations."

"There was one man only who had the courage and diplomatic tact to bring about a peace honorable to both nations, and that man was Theodore Roosevelt."

"Humanity owes him an everlasting debt of gratitude for saving the lives of millions of people by his foresight and his courage in enforcing and preventing suffering beyond description."

ALMOST SOLID FOR HUGHES.
Greater New York Republicans Are Strong in Supporting Him.

New York, April 10.—A practically solid Hughes delegation to Chicago was chosen in greater New York last night. Of the 18 Congressional district conventions, 13 instructed their delegates to "vote for Gov. Hughes for the presidential nomination until he is nominated or his name is withdrawn," two other delegations were instructed to "work and vote for Hughes" the ninth

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Sawing, Tanning and Railroad Ends Are Making Good Progress.

Bethel, April 10.—It is said that the Bethel mills, operated by A. N. Washburn & Co., have sawed out about 350,000 feet of lumber in the last six weeks.

Fisher Tannery is giving employment full time, six days in a week, to one hundred men, with an average weekly pay roll of \$1,100, never less than \$1,000. Seven hundred and fifty cases of leather are turned out daily, three-fourths of which are finished here into neat leather. The Fishers have recently installed a new setting-out machine, costing \$3,500, and expect to add three other machines at a cost of \$200 a piece. For the most part the Fishers divide the work between Bethel and Boston ends. E. C. taking the latter and E. A. the former. In this dual business time in almost every part of the country, Bethel is especially favored by continued work and a fair degree of prosperity, and the E. C. Fisher & Co. are among the most successful, thereby proving themselves to be business men of rare ability.

The large increase in the C. V. railroad business at this station has made it necessary to increase the trackage. A survey has revealed the fact that some of the buildings are located partially on railroad land. The lumber sheds are said to be entirely on land owned by the road and the owners of the sheds have been notified that they must be removed.

CHAMBERLAIN POST
OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

St. Johnsbury's G. A. R. Organization Has Been in Existence For Forty Years—Exercises Opened Last Night.

St. Johnsbury, April 10.—Chamberlain post, 1, G. A. R., began last night its three days' celebration of the 40th anniversary of its organization. It is believed this is the second post organized in the United States. Members of Chamberlain relief corps are conducting a bazaar in Grand Army hall, serving dinners every night.

The exercises were held in Grand Army hall with the commander of the post, Capt. Lewis W. Fisher, presiding. Charles Ross read a letter from May Edward D. Reddington of Evanston, Ill., which paid a warm tribute to Col. George E. Chamberlain, for whom the post was named.

Col. Chamberlain was a native of Lyndon, Vt., and after graduating from Dartmouth college in the class of '69 enlisted from St. Johnsbury, being the colonel of the 11th Vt. regt. He was mortally wounded near Charlottesville, Va., in the summer of '64. This letter was followed by the historical address by Capt. Edward L. Hovey. The history given by Capt. Hovey started with the organization.

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COUNTY SCHOOL MEETING
Was Held in Rutland Yesterday With Good Attendance.

Rutland, April 10.—The second annual meeting of the school directors of Rutland county was held here to-day with County Examiner Winthrop P. Abbott of Proctor presiding and with nearly all the towns in the county represented. The program was a highly interesting one.

Mason S. Stone of Montpelier gave an address on "Teachers: Quantity and Quality." A strong address was given by Henry C. Morrison, superintendent of public instruction in Concord, N. H., on the subject, "How to Have Better Schools." In the afternoon he spoke again on the topic, "Waste in School Administrations." Dr. C. S. Caverly of this city, president of the state board of health, spoke on the theme, "The State Board of Health and Public Schools."

The addresses were given by local directors. "Truancy," A. D. Tiffany, Pittsford; "Supervision and Centralization," W. H. Cooke, Poultney; all the addresses were discussed and there was a question box discussed by Hon. Mason S. Stone.

WILL SUCCEED BURNAP.
General Freight Agent of Central Vermont C. E. Dewey.

St. Albans, April 10.—The official circular will probably be issued today announcing the appointment of C. E. Dewey, at present assistant general freight agent at Montreal of the Grand Trunk railway, to be general freight agent of the Central Vermont railway with office in this city, succeeding E. L. Burnap, resigned. Mr. Dewey was formerly division freight agent of the Grand Trunk at Toronto and is by training and experience well equipped for his new position.

SHERIFF CLOSED STORE.
William N. Adams of St. Albans Run Clothing Business.

St. Albans, April 10.—The foreclosure of a chattel mortgage held by Chauncey G. Austin, Jr., for a number of creditors, resulted in the closing yesterday of the store on Main street run by William N. Adams. Sheriff Holmes has taken possession and an inventory is now being taken. Mr. Adams has been in the men's furnishing goods and clothing business here for 10 years. The store will not be reopened under the former management.

BUY LIBRARY SITE.
Bellows Falls Committee Agrees to Take Flint Land.

Bellows Falls, April 10.—The library committee held their adjourned meeting yesterday and voted to buy the Wyman Flint lot on Westminster street, 100 by 175 feet. The price paid was \$5,000. A special price being made by the Wyman Flint heirs in the interest of a public library, the building for which Andrew Carnegie has donated \$15,000 will be built at once.

A Vermont Bankrupt.
Rutland, April 10.—Peter Russell of St. Albans, a painter, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the office of Clerk F. S. Platt. His assets amount to \$92 and his liabilities to \$176.72.

COMMITTEES
ARE AGREED

Quarry Workers and Quarry Owners Meet

ARRANGE NEW AGREEMENT

Which Is Satisfactory to Both Committees and Will Be Acted on at a Meeting of Quarry Workers at 10 O'clock a. m. To-morrow.

The committees from the Quarry Workers' Union and the Quarry Owners' Association met at the rooms of the latter in this city this forenoon and after a three hours' session which closed at 1 o'clock reached an agreement on a proposition which is satisfactory to both committees. While the committees were not ready to give out the proposition this afternoon, it is understood to provide for practically the old bill until March 1, 1909, when everyone will receive a one-cent raise per hour. Several matters of contention were agreed to at the conference and members of the quarry workers' committee expressed themselves very well satisfied with the proposition. A meeting of the union will be held in the basement of St. Sylvester's church at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, when the proposition will be voted on. The committee will recommend its acceptance.

POLISHERS MEET MANUFACTURERS.
The committee from the Polishers' Union met the corresponding committee from the Manufacturers' Association yesterday afternoon, and again at 1 o'clock this afternoon. If they do not reach an agreement before evening, another conference will be held to-morrow. It is their purpose to continue in session until an agreement is reached.

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Says Constable Andrew J. Smith of Morrisville

THINKS HE WILL GET HIM

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